## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

The following list of claims will replace all prior versions and listings:

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Currently Amended) An automated method for compensating financial asset service providers comprising:
  - identifying a service provider who is responsible for at least collection of a plurality of payments from a debtor to a creditor in connection with a financial account related to at least one loan and for making a plurality of payments to the creditor; and
  - determining a financial asset services value to be paid to the service provider as a percentage of the principal and interest paid in connection with the financial account[[.]]; and
  - wherein the preceding steps are implemented by a computer, comprising at least a computer processor.
- 4. (Currently Amended) An automated method for compensating financial asset service providers comprising:
  - identifying a service provider who is responsible for at least collection of a plurality of payments from a debtor to a creditor in connection with a financial account related to at least one loan and for making a plurality of payments to the creditor;

- determining a financial asset services value to be paid to the service provider as a percentage of the principal and interest paid in connection with the financial account; and
- determining a value of a financial asset service agreement to perform financial asset services in exchange for the financial asset services value wherein a cost of providing financial asset services is subtracted from the financial asset services value[[.]]; and

wherein the preceding steps are implemented by a computer, comprising at least a computer processor.

- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Cancelled)
- 7. (Previously Presented) The method for compensating financial asset service providers as claimed in claim 3 wherein said financial asset is a mortgage loan.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The method for compensating a financial asset service provider as claimed in claim 4 wherein said financial asset is a mortgage loan.
- 9. (Cancelled)
- 10. (Cancelled)
- 11. (Previously Presented) The method for compensating financial asset service providers as claimed in claim 3 wherein said financial asset is a credit card account.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The method for compensating a financial asset service provider as claimed in claim 4 wherein said financial asset is a credit card account.

- 13. (Cancelled)
- 14. (Cancelled)
- 15. (Cancelled)
- 16. (Cancelled)
- 17. (Currently Amended) An automated method for structuring a financial asset service agreement wherein fees collected in servicing a financial asset related to at least one loan are based upon a percentage of both the principal and interest paid in connection with the financial asset[[.]]; and wherein the preceding step is implemented by a computer, comprising at least a computer processor.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The method for structuring a financial asset service agreement as claimed in claim 17 wherein the financial asset is a mortgage loan.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The method for structuring a financial asset service agreement as claimed in claim 17 wherein the financial asset is a credit card account.